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Daily Diary, O/RR, 27 March 1951 (AD/RR information unless otherwise stated)

25X1A D/A: Colonel C. K. Moffatt, Department of Defense (MUNITIONS BOARD) called [] to request that CIA prepare reports on the STRATEGIC CHARACTER OF RAILROAD AND MINING EQUIPMENT in support of Department of Defense recommendations of RETENTION OF PRESENT STRATEGIC RATINGS of these items. [] advised that it was impossible for CIA to undertake this at the present time because of priority of other projects. He stated that we might be able to undertake it, however, in a few weeks. Colonel Moffatt indicated that his office might initiate a formal requirement for this information. (26 Mar)

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25X1A Colonel C. K. Moffatt, (MUNITIONS BOARD) called to know if CIA could prepare a REQUIREMENT FOR COVERT INTELLIGENCE regarding the export in 1949 to a NATO country of equipment produced under Lend-Lease which Department of Defense information indicated had been re-exported behind the Curtain. He promised to give [] such details as they had as the basis of their requirement. (26 Mar)

25X1A John D. Smith, Department of COMMERCE, inquired of [] regarding CIA's reaction to the OIT recommendation to continue for the second quarter of 1951 an OPEN END EXPORT QUOTA FOR ALL STEEL MILL PRODUCTS EXCEPT SCRAP AND TEMPLATE. The recommendation will be considered by the OC. Mr. Smith was interested primarily in knowing whether further documentation was necessary. He was advised that although the statement by the OIT member was not as comprehensive as it should be, CIA would not request that an additional document be prepared prior to consideration by the OC. (26 Mar)

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25X1A [], O/SI, advised that information had been received from the Los Angeles Customs officials that MINERAL-LIGHT EQUIPMENT has been included in the strategic 1A category geophysical exploration equipment and therefore is subject to embargo. Accordingly, shipments of the type reported by ONI #ID-50, DIO-LIND, San Diego, California would in the future be SUBJECT TO EXPORT CONTROL. The matter will be brought to the attention of OIT in order to determine whether similar treatment will be accorded to the equipment in all customs districts. (26 Mar)

D/M: In attempting to assess the capabilities of the USSR, the CHEMICAL BRANCH has been handicapped by the LACK OF INFORMATION from G-2 ON THE ASSUMED EXPLOSIVE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE USSR AND THE ORBIT COUNTRIES. This information was requested well over a year ago and several times since but no reply has been forthcoming.

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Therefore, an attempt is being made to attack the problem in a different manner. Assuming that the USSR knows how to manufacture the standard explosives, we can assume that the requirements for chemicals would closely follow US practices. In order to follow US standard large scale practices, various personages in the ORDNANCE DEPARTMENT are being contacted to determine what was the practice at the large Ordnance explosive installations during 1940-45. With this information as a basis, we hope to arrive at some approximate value for USSR explosive capabilities. (26 Mar)

D/R:



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COOLIDGE'S new proposals apparently CONCERN, at least in part, DOCUMENTS ON ECONOMIC MATTERS (fisheries, forestry, mineral deposits, etc.) OF INTEREST TO O/RR.

A coordinated decision on COOLIDGE's proposal within CIA, and coordination of the matter with State, as well as establishment of the most appropriate procedure for arriving at such a coordinated decision, are now called for. (26 Mar)

ACTION: Division Chiefs to advise D/R of any interest; D/R to confer with AD/RR.

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